



February 1, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to worship this Sunday! Make yourself at home, you are among friends! Please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. This communication is a vital link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate or in the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship *(Various Classrooms)*
Sunday School *(2-year-olds – High School)*
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour *(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering, Pastor Jim *(CMC)*
This Is War! - Satan & Spiritual Warfare
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors *(CMC)*
Disciple Singers' Choreography *(FH)*
Junior High Super Bowl Party *(Greg & Sue Luginbill's)*
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups *(Lemleys)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(118-119)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Marcene Traucht. Marcene, the sister of Darlie Sommers, passed away Tuesday, January 27. A memorial service was held yesterday in West Liberty, Ohio.

Pray for those who are traveling to SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina the next two weeks. More than 25 persons will be working on a roof and various other projects.

Please pray for the 75 high school students and their leaders as they return from Ice Camp at Miracle Camp in Michigan this afternoon.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Marvin & Marilyn Reigle. On Wednesday, February 4, will mark their 60th wedding anniversary!

~ THANK YOU ~

Special thanks to the congregation for your cards, calls, e-mails, and visits from the pastors and Kathy while in the hospital and at home. Most of all thank you for your prayers! They do help. God is our refuge and strength. Praise be to God! - *Joan Steiner*

Dear Friends: Thank you again for your prayer and financial support over the years. Every week I say thank you God for Ebenezer Church and their generosity. I pray also that you will be filled with wisdom and discernment. We are excited about what God is doing at the truck stops and in the lives of drivers. Gary feels so privileged to be serving in the chapel more frequently and ministering directly to the drivers. God's best be yours. - *Gary & Pearl Nussbaum, Transport for Christ.*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 1-14** SIM Roofing Team *(Charlotte, North Carolina)*
- Feb. 8-14** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, North Carolina)*
- Feb. 15** Congregational Meeting *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- Mar. 2** Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Mar. 3** All Day Sew *(9:00 a.m., CMC)*
- Apr. 5** SonRise Service *(7:30 a.m., CMC)*
SonRise Breakfast *(8:30 a.m., CMC)*
Easter Worship Service *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service
- Apr. 11** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Apr. 26** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold*
(7:00 p.m., CMC)

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ EBENEZER COMMUNICATIONS CARD ~

Please take a moment to complete the information below. Place in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in information on:

Ebenezer Mennonite Church Baptism Membership

Child dedication Getting involved in ministry

Joining a small group Prayer requests _____

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, February 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the West Independence Quartet will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin board near the church kitchen.

Choral Anthem

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

(by Samuel Trevor Francis & Thomas Williams)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis the source of peace and rest!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God is love.

Underneath me, all around me; Alleluia! God is love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore;

Sing of His greatness, sing of His goodness, sing of His love forevermore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God is love.

Underneath me, all around me; Alleluia! God is love. Alleluia! God is love.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 25:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	277
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	405

Giving on January 25:

\$13,172.79

Benevolent Fund	110.00
Building Fund	720.00
Christian Education Fund	486.79
General Fund	8,440.00
Missions Fund	3,168.00
New Building Fund	20.00
Van Fund	128.00
Youth Fund	100.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Steve & Belva Rae Kotlarczyk** who partner with **SEND International in Tokyo, Japan**. *Telling others of Christ is our motivation for living on foreign soil. This year reached the 30th year mark for us in bringing our little family of four to Japan. Through the years our family grew to eight and our lives were enriched to be able to be used by God in so many ways.* To send a congratulatory note to the Kotlarczyk family write to: Excellent Mori #103, Daimon 1-760-2, Ome Shi, Tokyo, Japan 198-0014 or send an email to: theks4jesus@yahoo.com.

~ CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ~

The 2014 Annual Reports will be handed out by the ushers at the door after the morning service. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2014 Reports and the proposed 2015 Missions Budget is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, following the morning service.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Ralph & Melba Gerber – *Missions Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 2-8

Monday	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>173 Albert Street, Bluffton</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary Choir Loft</i>)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
		Junior High Youth Group (<i>B17</i>)
		Ladies' Small Group (<i>Infant Nursery</i>)
		Men/Ladies Bible Study (<i>Church Library</i>)
		Men's Bible Study (<i>114</i>)
		Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (<i>Ron & Sue Epp's</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Mother and Son Date Night (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (<i>CMC</i>) Disciple Singers' Choreography (<i>FH</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemleys</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>118-119</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) High School Small Groups (<i>Meet in Schoolhouse</i>)
		Junior High Small Groups (<i>Guys B11, Girls 116</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Naomi Miller, Brian & Kendy Young Family

Good News Hour: Emily Bish, Jason & Kim Fritsch,
Deb, Dan, & Tim Huber, Amanda Reigle, MaKayla Smith

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Super Bowl Party Today!

When: 6:00 p.m. till end of game.

Where: Home of Greg & Sue Luginbill.
(*506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora, Ohio*)

Provided: Pizza

What to bring: 2 liters, salty or sweet snacks.

Invite your Friends: Bring games or other fun things.
(*not everyone will watch the game*)

~ MOTHER AND SON DATE NIGHT~

Sign up today in the Missions Center. A time of fellowship and fun for mothers and their sons ages 3 to 13 is planned for this coming Saturday, February 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Come out and enjoy some pizza, brownie ice cream sundaes, and games. A \$5 charge per family is due at sign up. Let's make this a great evening for you and your son(s). If you have any questions please contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559 or e-mail at kelli.foster@gmail.com.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Giving receipts for 2014 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Those not picked up today will be put in the mail tomorrow. Thank you for giving!

Prayer Commitment Survey forms that were inserted in last Sunday's Emissary may be filled out and placed in the offering plate or in the basket on the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center (extra forms are also located there). Thank you for your prayers!